

REMARKS

Applicants have added new dependent claims 27-29. Applicants note with appreciation the Office's indication that claims 4-6, 15-17, 21-22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any interviewing claims. In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the outstanding office action is respectfully requested.

The Office has rejected claims 1-3, 12-14, 19-20, 23 and 26 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,553,934 to Gentner et al. (Gentner) and claims 7-11, 18, 24-25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gentner. The Office asserts that Gentner discloses in claims 1 and 2 a method and apparatus for monitoring a milking facility pulsation with a source of light capable of providing more than one color corresponding to a pressure level of an inflatable item, and a display means to display the pressure.

Gentner does not disclose or suggest, "where each color of light within said more than one color of light corresponds to a numerical relationship between a determined air pressure of an inflatable item, determined by said pressure gauge" as recited in claim 1, "determining an actual air pressure of an inflatable item" as recited in claim 13, or "where each color of light corresponds to a numerical relationship between a determined air pressure of an inflatable item" as recited in claim 19. As disclosed at col. 7, lines 23-25 in Gentner, the apparatus 41 has two pressure sensors 53 and each of these pressure sensors 53 is connected to one of the hoses 27. The hoses 27 in Gentner are not inflatable items. In fact, instead of any kind of inflation, Gentner teaches the opposite. As disclosed at col. 1 lines 39-47 and col. 5, lines 26-32 in Gentner, the pressure in the hoses 27 is altered between a vacuum where the milk is drawn out and atmospheric pressure, which is a rest phase, where the liner collapses around the teat. Nowhere does Gentner teach or suggest any sort of inflation, let alone determining an actual air pressure of an inflatable item or a determined air pressure of an inflatable item. As described on page 4 of the above-identified patent application, the present invention is directed to a programmable pressure gauge that may be used to assist a person in accurately filling and checking air pressure in an inflatable item. Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Office is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 1, 13, and 19. Since claims 2, 3,

and 7-12 depend from and contain the limitations of claim 1, claims 14 and 18 depend from and contain the limitations of claim 13, and claims 20 and 23-26 depend from and contain the limitations of claim 19, they are distinguishable over the cited references and are patentable in the same manner as claims 1, 13, and 19.

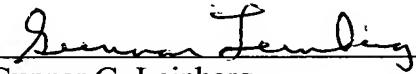
The Office has objected to claims 4-6, 15-17, 21-22, as begin dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any interviewing claims.

Applicants have also added new dependent claims 27-29 which are believed to be distinguishable over the cited reference and in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

In view of all of the foregoing, applicant submits that this case is in condition for allowance and such allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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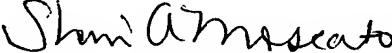
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